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NEWSPAPER GUILD SEEKS A.I.D. FUNDS

Severance of C.I.A. Links Stirs Debate in Ottawa

OTTAWA, July 28 (AP)—Delegates to the American Newspaper Guild convention criticized alternately the Central Intelligence Agency and each other last night before voting 2 to 1 to seek a link with another United States Government agency. The key vote was 263-134.

The volume and the heat of the exchanges exceeded anything in the week-long convention, which ended today.

The guild represents 35,000 news media employees in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

It was reported six months ago to have been accepting aid for its international affairs program from foundations supported by the C.I.A. The guild investigated and found the foundations' explanations unsatisfactory, and severed its links with them.

The delegates were asked last night to authorize their officers to seek new fund sources for the international program, particularly from the United States Agency for International Development.

A Hot Debate

The proposal touched off an uproar.

David Schick of Philadelphia compared the criticism of the United States Government and the State Department with Communist attacks at the United Nations on the United States.

Debate centered on a minority committee report recommending that no Government funds be used for the international program.

Irving Kreisman of Madison, Wis., said first reports of a C.I.A.-guild link "burst like a bomb." He advocated dropping the program unless funds could be found from private sources.

A Toronto delegate said the C.I.A. association raised a conflict between citizenship and membership in an international union.

J. V. Reistrup of the Wash-

ington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild said the real issue "is whether the American Newspaper Guild is to be an arm of the foreign policy of the United States."

He said the work of the Agency for International

Development was to carry out the foreign policy of the United States.

The guild's resolutions committee, he added, was told this week by the men who ran the original program—Richard Davis and John Sloan—that the two suspected "from the beginning" that the money came from the C.I.A. They had waited for the C.I.A. to exert pressure, but this never came.

Daniel McLaughlin, a regional vice president from North Jersey, said many delegates were "destroying characters and reputations" of guild leaders with their "innuendos and half-truths."

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